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S. 1044

To establish the National Manufacturing Advisory Council within the Department of Commerce, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 25, 2021

Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. RUBIO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Manufac-
5 turing Advisory Council for the 21st Century Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL MANUFACTURING ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) ADVISORY COUNCIL.—The term “Advisory
9 Council” means the National Manufacturing Advis-
10 sory Council established under subsection (b).

3 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
4 Department of Commerce the National Manufacturing
5 Advisory Council.

6 (c) MISSION.—The mission of the Advisory Council
7 shall be to—

8 (1) ensure regular communication between the
9 Federal Government and the manufacturing sector
10 in the United States;

20 (d) DUTIES.—The duties of the Advisory Council
21 shall include—

20 (6) monitoring global manufacturing trends and
21 global threats to manufacturing sectors in the
22 United States; and

(A) make that website more user-friendly so as to enhance the ability of that website to—

(i) provide information to manufacturer

(ii) receive feedback from manufacturer

ers;

(B) assist that website in becoming the principal place of interaction between manufacturers in the United States and Federal programs relating to manufacturing; and

(C) permit that website to provide assistance to manufacturers relating to—

(i) international trade and investment

matters;

(ii) research and technology develop-

ment opportunities;

(iii) workforce development and train-

ing programs and opportunities;

(iv) small and medium manufacturers; and

(v) in

n needs.

BERSHIP.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Advisory Council

shall—

1 (A) consist of individuals, appointed by the
2 Secretary, with a balance of backgrounds, expe-
3 riences, and viewpoints; and

4 (B) include individuals with manufacturing
5 experience who directly represent private indus-
6 try, academia, and labor.

7 (2) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.—The Secretary
8 shall, to the maximum extent practicable, accept rec-
9 ommendations from the public regarding the ap-
10 pointment of individuals under paragraph (1).

11 (f) INAPPLICABILITY OF FEDERAL ADVISORY COM-
12 MITTEE ACT.—The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5
13 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply with respect to the Advisory
14 Council or the activities of the Advisory Council.

15 (g) TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—All functions of the United
17 States Manufacturing Council of the International
18 Trade Administration of the Department of Com-
19 merce, including the personnel, assets, and obliga-
20 tions of the United States Manufacturing Council of
21 the International Trade Administration of the De-
22 partment of Commerce, as in existence on the day
23 before the date of enactment of this Act, shall be
24 transferred to the Office of the Secretary.

1 (2) DEEMING OF NAME.—Any reference in law,
2 regulation, document, paper, or other record of the
3 United States to the United States Manufacturing
4 Council of the International Trade Administration of
5 the Department of Commerce shall be deemed a ref-
6 erence to the Advisory Council.

7 (3) UNEXPENDED BALANCES.—Unexpended
8 balances of appropriations, authorization, alloca-
9 tions, or other funds related to the United States
10 Manufacturing Council of the International Trade
11 Administration of the Department of Commerce
12 shall be available for use by the Secretary for which
13 the appropriations, authorizations, allocations, or
14 other funds were originally made available.

15 (h) SUNSET.—The Advisory Council shall terminate
16 on September 30, 2025.

